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that the population of that thriving Territory as needed 180,000. The taxable property amounts to be between \$75,000,000 and \$95,000,000. And in view of these facts and of the large increase of agricultural products each capital, it is therefore reasonable to suppose that a Convention be called to form a Constitution, that an act be passed for the taking of a census in April and for such other preliminary steps as are necessary; and that if the Constitution be rejected by the people at the next October election, it shall be presented to Congress in December following.

These facts furnish an additional argument why the Constitution should be submitted to the people, as the majority, preferring a Territorial Government, an thinking a State Government preferable, may desire to have the people at the next October election reject the State Constitution while there.

Burdens with heavy liabilities, without titles or lands, our public buildings unfinished, our jails and court-houses not erected, and moreover money even to pay the salaries of a convention, and just emerging from the disastrous effects of a most bitter civil war! It seems unwise for a few thousand people, scarcely sufficient to make a good county, to discard the protecting and fostering care of a Government, ready to assist us with her troops and arms, and with her revenue!

Wm. C. RAY, Esq., Governor of Kansas Territory.
Lynchburg T. T., Feb. 13, 1857.

This Message did not meet with much respect in the Legislature. The bill was taken up and passed over the Governor's head, and is now a law.

MARINE AFFAIRS.

WEEK OF THE SCHOONER EDWARD FRANCIS.

TRICKERTON, N. J., March 1, 1857.

The schooner Edward Francis, Capt. Camp, from Great Egg Harbor, laden with glass, bound for New York, came on Long Beach this morning at 4 o'clock. It is thought that she will be a total loss.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE UNDERWRITERS AND MRS. PATTON.

We have been favored with a copy of the correspondence between the Underwriters and the hero wife of Capt. Patton. List of the ship "Nepheus" Co.,
Office of the Union Mutual Insurance Co.,
New-York, Feb. 18, 1857.

Mrs. Mary A. Patton—Madam: In behalf and as a committee from the undersigned Underwriters of the ship "Nepheus" Car and cargo, on her late voyage from New-York to San Francisco, we have the pleasure of handing you a voluntary testimonial of \$10,000, as a small token of their high appreciation of your private worth, and of your courage, skill and energy in commanding and navigating in safety to the port of destination, the above vessel for upward fifty days, and for many thousands miles after her commander your respected husband, had been prostrated by illness and utterly unable to aid or advise you in the management of the ship.

In all the varied and often beautiful positions which any of your sex have been placed, we know no instance where the love and devotion of a wife has found more impressively portrayed than in your wife's fondness and care of your husband during his long and painful illness, nor do we know of an instance where so noble a woman has, from the force of clear-sightedness, been called upon or assumed command of large and valuable vessels and exercised a proper control over a large number of seamen, and by her cool and energy impressing confidence and obedience on the crew, making all subordinate and obedient to the command.

With an earnest hope that in returning to you home and friends, you will find your own health improved, and that your husband may be able to resume his usual avocations, and still be able to perform those labors which the world can afford, and which you so richly merit.

We remain, with great respect, your obedient servants,
J. H. LATROUPE, Chairman
JOHN H. LYEELL, (in behalf of)
D. D. JONES,
Admiral Insurance Company,
Sun Mutual Insurance Company,
Merchants Mutual Marine & Commerce Insurance Company,
The Western Assurance Company,
Pacific Mutual Insurance Company,
Oceanic Mutual Insurance Company,
The Commercial Union Assurance Company,
Great Western Insurance Company.

MRS. PATTON'S REPLY.

Hon. JOHN H. LYEELL, Esq., Chairman of the Committee of the New-York Insurance Traders' Association:
GENTLEMEN: I received yesterday your communication of the 18th inst. and with mingled sensations of gratitude and embarrassment that I leave my pen to a watcher by my husband's sick bed to reply to it. I am sincerely grateful to you and to all those who reposed for the very kind expressions of sympathy and condolence and encouragement, and which I transmitted to me in their behalf. I feel very sensibly, gentlemen, the kindness which has prompted you to commend to me in manner in which I have endeavored to perform them, which seemed to me, under the circumstances, nothing less than heroic, and which I felt transported to and down by what we now fear to be a hopeless disease, and to perform for him as well as I could those duties which he could not perform for himself, especially when it was to carry out his own expressed wish. I am at all times true to the service of my country, and I trust that you may have appreciated the value of Mr. Haro, the record officer, a good seaman, and of the hearty cooperation of the men to aid me whenever the ship would not have arrived safely at her destination.

Be assured, gentlemen, that through all the trials which may be before me and while I live, your constant kindness will ever be held in thankful remembrance, by yours, very respectfully,
MARY A. PATTON.

NAVAL.

The steamer Dispatch, which has been detailed to the Naval Department for the Coast Survey service, was about to start upon a short trial trip on Thursday morning, but upon getting up steam, a defective pipe was discovered in the boiler, which obliged them to wait and repair the defect.

THE NON-CHARLES SUMNER.

There was a very pleasant company at the house John Jay, esq., Fifth Avenue, on Friday evening, in honor to the presence of Senator SUMNER, the guest of Mr. JAY. Colonel FREDMIST and Lady, Mr. GEORGE SUMNER, ALFRED PELL, esq., and others were present, and during the evening Mr. SUMNER received the congratulations of Delegates from the Young Men Republican General Committee, and the Republican Central Union. In behalf of the Special Committee from the former, Mr. McCOMBES, Chairman, addressed Mr. Sumner as follows, viz:

EXTENDED SIR: In behalf of our associates, the members of the Young Men Republican General Committee, we have great pleasure in waiting upon you this time, to bear to you the hearty congratulations of the Republican Young Men of the City and County of New-York, upon your complete recovery from the tedious and painful illness by which you have been long prostrated. We also take occasion to assure you of our continued high appreciation and admiration of your manly and patriotic course in our national councils. Undervaluing as the North Star, He has ever been earnest and unyielding in the cause of Freedom, and the rights of the oppressed. You have suffered many weary, and cold-laid hours in a just cause, yet happily not in vain, already we witness the good fruit of your self denying labor, and the future gives assurance and promise of the nobler harvest.

My kind Providence bless you your health and strength in yet many years, may you continue to be the light and power of the age, and the champion of Liberty by bearing alive the age and the Republic.

I reply, MR. SUMNER said:

Sir: I thank you heartily for your kind words. I am glad the young men of this great city have enlisted in the battle for Freedom. I assure you they have met heartily sympathizing. I shall be glad to render the every assistance in my power.

On the delegation from the "Central Union," Mr. MANLY said:

Senator SUMNER: We too, Sir, do delight in welcoming you to our city, and to take you by the hand as one whose cause we ardently admire and desire to emulate. We rejoice at your increased strength, and hope you may find complete healing in your stay here. As soon as you return be ready for the secret duties of your position.

Mr. SUMNER returned thanks, and reiterated his gladdened at the activity of the true Republican spirit in New-York. He could but count it natural for the young men to be for Freedom, and he who was otherwise was little less than a monster. After a cordial shaking of the hands with the Senators, the "Young Pathfinders" the delegates adjourned to pay the respects to Commissioner-General Ward and B. Mendenhall, esq., by whom they were most hospitably entertained.

company of social and political reformers, who were gathered upon the pier to witness the departure of one of America's noblest statesmen from his native soil.

A salute of thirty-one guns was fired in his honor under the direction of a Committee from the "Young Men's Central Republican Union."

At the moment of his departure Mr. Sumner appeared in good spirits, though evidently not yet in the enjoyment of his former physical strength.

THE MURDERED SOLDIER.

CORONER'S INQUIRY.

Coroner FERRY had an inquest at Governor's Island on the body of Patrick Farrell, the United States soldier, whose death was the result of ruffianism, as previously reported in *This Tribune*. The evidence adduced went to show that deceased and two of his companions on the Island obtained leave of absence, after which they came to this city, and meeting confederates, indulged quite too freely.

While in an obnoxious state the trio started for the quarters by way of Bow klyp, and reaching Collins street they came in collision with a party of two or three of whom struck Farrell on the head with a slung shot or other like weapon. He was felled to the pavement in almost insupportable condition, and in that state moved to a small boat and conveyed across the river to the fort.

The testimony failed to indicate who the murderer was, and, owing to the intoxicated state in which the companions of Farrell were at the time the assault committed, they would be unable to identify the assailant even if confronted with him. Dr. Wells at Guild made a post mortem examination on the body of the deceased, and found a fracture of the skull sufficient to cause death.

On the evidence developed the Jury rendered a verdict of "Death by injuries received at the hands of some persons to them unknown on Sunday afternoon March 1, 1875."

Further efforts will be made to arrest and bring justice the villain who committed this murder.

CITY ITEMS.

Yesterday was beautifully clear and painfully cool. The wind was moderate in strength and exhilarating keenness; the day lively, but enduring.

PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT.—The Philharmonic Society gave the third concert of this fifteenth season at the Academy of Music, on Saturday evening. The programme was:

PART I.
Second Symphony, in C, Op. 61, of Richard Wagner..... R. SCHUMANN.
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The New-England residents of Washington present the Guard with a valuable gold medal, one side which was a medallion likeness of Washington, and the reverse bore the inscription:

PRESENTED TO
THE CHARLESTOWN (MASS.) CITY GUARD,
NEW-ENGLAND RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON.

Major Ben Perley Paine made the presentation speech, which was fittingly responded to by Capt. Peirce on behalf of the Guard. In Baltimore the C. Grays, Capt. Warner received them and acted as escort to the cars; and in Philadelphia the Washington Blues, Lieut. Wood commanding, were their entertainers. In New-York they have been neglected.

The members of Howard Engine Company No. 3, on their arrival in this city on Sunday evening received a hearty welcome home and a grand demonstration was made on the occasion by the members of the Fire Department. The scene at the foot of Courtland street upon the arrival of the Philadelphia train was very animated one. Over a thousand firemen, in costume, were on the ground with their apparatus and torches, and hundreds more in citizens dress. Upon the arrival of the boat from Jersey City with the Howard Company on board, cheer after cheer rent the air. After this welcome a procession was formed and a line of march taken up Courtland street to Broadway through Fulton and Nassau streets, across the Park thoroughfare, and through Bleeker street to Cortlandt street, the quarters of the Company. The following Companies united in the "Welcome Home":

Engine Company No. 41, with apparatus.
Howard Engine Company No. 54, with apparatus.
Mandarin Engine Company No. 8, with apparatus.
Hose Company No. 19, with no engine.
Gowanus Engine Company No. 11, with apparatus.
Perry Hose Company No. 28, with carriage.
Black Jack Engine Company No. 55, with apparatus.
Protection Engine Company No. 22, with apparatus.
Friendship Engine Company No. 17, with apparatus.
Hook and Ladder Company No. 12, with apparatus.
All of the above Companies had a full complement.

Preparatory to being escorted to their quarters returning Company participated of a collation in Broadway near Eighth street. Notwithstanding the inclement hour at which the procession passed the streets were filled with people. The members of Flow Company speak in the highest terms of their brethren in the neighboring cities through which they passed. The *Philadelphia Bulletin* of the 7th instant gives the following account of the reception of the New York Fire Company in Independence Hall:

"About 10 o'clock this morning Mayor Vaux welcomed the Howard Fire Company of New York on part of the municipal authorities of Philadelphia. The guests were introduced to his Honor by Major Peirce. In a few words, Mayor Vaux then hospitably welcomed the visitors and after suggesting that he had doubtless found the Fire Department of Philadelphia the guests of a portion of the population of this city, he expressed his warmest wishes for their visit to Washington to witness the inauguration. His Honor dwelt on the splendor of that spectacle as indicative of the governmental theory of our country, and as a testimony of the glorious fact that our country the president position may be said to have acquired the reputation of rank, birth, or station. He remarked that their visit to the Hall of Independence was eminently appropriate, after witnessing those impressive inaugural ceremonies as from this very hall spring the principles which lie at the foundation of government, the full guarantee of which they had witnessed the inauguration of James Buchanan. After a word on the American pride which should animate our hearts as citizens, and the principles which govern our actions, the Mayor closed by again welcoming them to the City of Philadelphia."

At the invitation of James Buchanan, Mayor Peirce, in belief, made a very graceful acknowledgment, and that in witnessing the inauguration the Chief of New York firemen he had the honor to represent a double pleasure from the fact that the distinguished chief guest of the day would be a citizen of this city or any other people was a citizen of Keystone State. He added a confirmation of Mayor's remark of the great and exclusive American fact that any man could rise in America, in the first instance that Senator Broderick of California had a New York stone-cutting Foreman of the How Engine Company.

"The visitors were accompanied by a Committee of Persistence Hose as an escort. They afterwards visited various public institutions."

CITY MORTALITY.—The City Inspector reports deaths during the past week—on an increase of one as compared with the return of the week previous. There has been a marked falling off in the number of diphtheria cases of the brain and nerves, and a corresponding increase of total cases of affections of lungs, throat &c. The scarlet fever still prevails, slightly on the increase. The following figures exhibit the number of deaths during the past two weeks among adults and children, distinguishing the causes:

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| Week ending Feb. 26..... | 79 | 144 | 159 |
| Week ending March 7..... | 97 | 70 | 187 |

Among the principal causes of death were the following: Consumption, 78; convulsions (infantile), inflammation of the lungs, 29; scarlet fever, measles, 7; marasmus (infantile) 14; dropsy the head, 20; small-pox, 12; croup, 22. There were also 5 deaths of apoplexy, 5 of bronchitis, 7 of congestion of the brain, 6 of erysipelas, 7 scrofula, 6 inflammation of the bowels, 9 premature births, 29 stillborn, and 13 deaths from violent causes. Of the total number 18 were inmates of the public institutions. The following is a classification of diseases, and the total number of deaths in each: Bones, joints &c., 5; brain and nerves, 83; general organs 3; heart and blood-vessels, 9; lungs, trachea &c., 149; old age, 3; skin &c., and eruptive fevers 78; stillborn and premature births, 38; stomach, bowels, and other digestive organs, 43; nervous system and general fevers, 33; urinary organs, 5—to 449. The number of deaths, compared with the corresponding weeks of 1855 and 1856, was as follows: Week ending March 10, 1855, 491; week ending March 8, 1856, 304; week ending March 7, 1857, 44. The sanitary table gives 321 natives of the United States, 47 of Ireland, 38 of Germany, 8 of England, 4 each of Scotland, and France.

NOVEL ADVERTISEMENT.—The art of attractive publication is arriving at a degree of perfection previously unobtainable. The latest novelty in theatrical came off on Saturday last, when the proprietors of certain place of popular amusement in Broadway drummed up about 10,000 boys, by the present of kite spools to the young archers. The affair commenced with a grand procession, headed by mammoth carriages, drawn by gaily plumed horses, and a band, which marched through Broadway and all streets from the upper part of the city and back Union square, attracting in its course a great degree of thoughtful interest from its extreme singularity. A little while composing the procession plodded bravely on through the mud after their kites, policemen accompanying and guarding them from being run over. Looking Union square it had been determined to make the boys march in line between the steps contained in kites, but they broke through all restraint, and rushed pell-mell for the tops. All efforts to preserve order were out of the question, and the endeavor of the policemen to keep the children back were about as successful as those of Mrs. Partridge when she tries to sweep the waves of the Atlantic out of her hair with a broom. A whole hour was occupied the disruption, and then a great many went away disappointed and kitesless. During Sunday afternoon and yesterday the sky-fliers were in full feather, and with the help of the wind these novel advertisements certainly got some pretty tall pulls.

A MANHOOD TURKEY.—IMPROVING THE BREED
R. B. AMERY of Wausauville, Madison County, New York, is entitled to the first prize of honor for improvement in the breed of turkeys. From a cross of